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ST. LOUIS, MO., SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1900.

SAYS BECKHAM IS LEGAL GOVERNOR.

cides Against Taylor's Claim.

Of the Three Only One Dissents-Confessions Point to a Clay County Fendist as Goebel's Assassin.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Frankfort, Ky., April 6.-By a vote of six to one, two of the Republican members concurring with the Democratic members, the Court of Appeals this afternoon de-cided that J. C. W. Beekham is the legal Governor of Kentucky. Judge Durelle filed a dissenting opinion. The Republican judges concurring are Burnam and Guffy, the former ranking with Judge White as the ablest man on the bench. The opinion of the Court was written by Judge Hobson, and concurred in by Judges Hazelrigg. White and Paynter, A second opinion by Judge Burnam and signed also by Judge Guffy, concurs with the statement that the courts have no power to review the actions of the Legislature in the matter, though admitting, as is generally admitted, a flagrant violation of the methods of procedure by that body due to the indignation caused by the Goebel assassination. The fundamental point was whether the Legislature's action is subject to review and this Judge Burnam with the other judges decides

The pith of the majority opinion is that a purchase, and in this way purchases are made the judicial branch of the State Govern- of high-priced acticles, and if the purchase part are execution, i. in a measure, am responsible the judicial branch of the State Government cannot encroach upon the prerogative of another branch so long as it keeps within the limits of the Constitution and that the journal of the Legislature cannot be law come to the determination that in ellipse to the constitutions submitted to me for approval, the impeached. The opinion holds that the parties making the requisitions must state who Governor had no power to adjourn the Legislature. It cites that if he had the power to adjourn the Legislature then its action in deciding the contest was filegal. The opinion then reviews that feature and shows that Taylor had no power to call off the sessions.

The dissenting opinion of Judge Durelle is based on the assumption that the Legistable is based on the assumption that the Legistable is based on the assumption that the Legistable is the segment of the institutes and all the should find out what the market is based on the assumption that the Legistable is the segment of the institutes and all the should find out what the market is based on the assumption that the Legistable is the segment of the segment of

is based on the assumption that the Logislature at the time it acted on the contest was a mere Contest Board and had no jurisdiction to act in a judicial capacity t that particular time. He therefore holds the action of the Legislature to be nuit and void and subject to reversal in courts of

Beckham's Plans. When the news of the decision was car-

ried to him, Governor Beckham expressed gratification that the legal battle ad closed and that the courts had decided in his favor. He said that he had no statement to make of his intentions, having already said that he would take no steps toward possession of the building and records till the case was finally disposed of. The Republican leaders at once went into

conference at the office of former Attorney General Pratt to decide on a pian of action. They will file an appeal immediately and will use every effort for a prompt review by the Supreme Court. Other than thus no statement has been given out, though one probably will be prepared.

The appeal to the Supreme Court of the

United States will be at once granted. This will be given a prompt hearing on a writ of error and within a month the will be finally settled. In view of the concurrence of two of the Republican Judges, showing the practical unanimity of the Court of Appeals, it is not believed that the Supreme Court will review the case. MAN WHO KILLED GOEBEL.

Louisville, Ky., April 6.-The Courier-Journal to-day prints a circumstantial story which purports to give the details of the conception and execution of the plot to kill Governor Goebel. The story is based upon evidence said to have been given to the attorneys for the prosecution by Whar-

The story gives the name of the man suspected of having fited the shot that killed nator Goebel. He is a Clay County fendist. He is supposed to be in the mountains and has not yet been arrested. The story follows the evidence given by Golden in the preliminary trial of Caleb Powers as to the bringing to Frankfort of the armed mountain feudists. The men implicated in the conspiracy are the same that were implicated by Golden's testimony, several of are now under arrest, while are either in the mountains or in neighbor

The story follows Golden's testimony as to the plan to cause a riot in the Legisladuring which Democratic members were to have been killed; tells how the alleged plan to kill Goebel was carried out; of the purchase from a well-known Cincinnati house of twenty-five steel-builet, smokeless-powder cartridges; the procuring of a 38-caliber rifle, with which the is said to have been done, the weapon being returned an hour afterwards, and the payment of \$1.600 in advance to the man did the shooting. After the shooting the man who did the work is said to have escorted to the mountains by a number of armed men.

TAYLOR SAYS HE'LL FACE TRIAL. Cincinnati, O., April 6.-Governor Taylor gave out the following statement at Frank-

fort to-night: For weeks I have been made the target of villification by certain unprincipled newspapers in Kentucky. The vilest instinua-tions have been made and the most outrageous falsehoods have been told. When I was called to attend the funeral of a behood and slander poured forth upon me. the charge again being made that I was attempting to fly from the State. Or my last return to Frankfort these papers hastened to publish the statement that I was met at train and escorted to my home by

squad of soldiera There is not one word of truth in this statement, but, nevertheless, it was pub-lished and circulated to harm me. Not content with this infamous, shoulish work, which, with unblushing audacity, has fol-lowed me to the graves of my brother and sister, even the privacy of my family has been invaded, and because my wife withdrew from the bank some money with which to pay the servants, an attempt made to impress the people that she, too,

was preparing to fly. e and for all I desire to say, neither directly nor indirectly had I any connection with the assassination of Senator Goebel. I am a citizen of this State, amenable to its laws. I am not a criminal; neither shall I ever be a fugitive from justice. shall I ever be a fugitive from justice, whenever indicted, it such an outrage should be committed, I shall appear for trial, conscious of my innocence and of the ultimate triumph of right and justice. The whole purpose of this persecution has been, and is, to drive me from my post of duty and to punish me for holding the office to which I have fairly been elected. Such a surrender I have not made nor will I make it unless the highest courts of this land should adjudge that I do so. (Signed) "W, B. TAYLOR."

sioner Greater Precaution in Buying City Supplies.

REPUBLICAN JUDGES CONCUR. DOCTOR STARKLOFF'S REPLY.

He Holds That the Recommendations Should Apply to the Supply Department and Not to His Subordinates.

ness men apply to their ean affairs be applied to the affairs of the city, and we feel satisfied that many thousands of dollars could be animally saved if puch were date. Extract from Report

Compredier Issue II Sturgeon has acted on this suggestion of the February Grand Jury, Yesterday Mr. Sturgeon made public a letter which he wrote to Health Commissioner Starkloff, and one which he received in reply. The Comptroller's letter

by regular contract. ourse, are ignorant of. Mr approval authoriz

on prices that have heretofore been paid, but

Health Commissioner's Reply.

you for approval, me I have tad a rule enforced in

The fact that several overcharges in bills have been caught and were rectified by Dector Starkloff's subordinates is understood to be the reason for the action of the Comptroller in asking the Health Dectartment. artment clerks to perform the work of be supply department. This is warmly ented by Doctor Starkloff, who expres

Health Department, even now loaded down with more work than they ought to be asked to perform, is a severe tax on them

I was called to attend the funeral of a beloved brother it was seized upon as an attempt upon my part to fly from justice.

Again, when called to my home by reason of the death of a dear sister, the fountains without an involve and later the prices are

overcharge by a dry goods house in South St. Louis. The bill was not paid and I took the precaution of immediately notifying the heads of institutions to exercise great cau-tion in the approval of all bills. "The work of ascertaining market prices

the plan outlined by the Comparollet, it is shifting a responsibility on the shoulders of the Health Commissioner that does not be-

While the Health Commissioner was ex-plaining the unfairness of the task imposed on his department by the Comptroller, Doc-tor G. A. Jordan, chief Dispensary physitor G. A. Jordan, chief Dispensary physi-ciath, entered the room with a compalaint. Doctor Jordan declared that it was im-possible for the Dispensary clerk to attend to his own duties, and also look after the pricing of goods needed for his division. Chief Sanitary Officer Francis takes the same position, and he went so far yester-day as to call on the Comptroller to present his complaint is passon.

his complaint in person.

The institutions under the supervision of The institutions under the supervision of the Health Commissioner are the Insane Asylum, Quarantine Hospital, Poorhouse, Pemale Hospital and City Hospital, This does not include the City Dispensary, san-itary division and other branches of the

STURGEON HEEDS THE GRAND JURY.

Kentucky Court of Appeals De Suggests to the Health Commis

of February Grand Jury

follows: April 4, 2500 - Doctor Max C Starkloff, Healt

In making this rule in regard to requisitions, it is not my desire or intention to dreate any relative system, but the plan that I have outlined, which I desire to have followed out, is one that I think I make for my own protection. I think histo, that if the requisitions are drawn in the manner that I have stated that it will be of

The reply of the Health Commissioner fol-

Doctor Starkloff Warms Up.

"While my letter to the Comptroller fully covers the position of the Health Depart-ment, I will say that the work required by

sioner has received the approval on sitions of the Comptroller. In no it where Idlis were reported to me as exhorbitant did I sanction their apsupervision: I direct you to carefully watch the

found to be excessive, you can refuse to approve the bill until the prices are adjust.

"The work of ascertaining market prices rightly belongs in the Supply Department. While I will do all in my power to follow

Officials Complain.

Pemale Hospital and City Hospital. This does not include the City Dispensary, santiary division and other branches of the department.

Comptroller Sturgeon, in relation to the matter, said:

"The remedy I suggested was the best I



THE BEAR: "I WONDER IF I'LL STIR UP ALL THESE BEES?"

LEADING TOPICS FAR EAST WAR TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri-Showers Saturday and Sunday; variable winds. For Illinois-Showers Saturday of Saturday night and Sunday; brisk westerly winds, becoming variable. For Arkansas-Showers Saturday and Supday; east to southeast winds

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was able to map out. The heads of the was able to map out. The hears of the electmosynary institutions will be a check on the Supply Department. The fact that the officials of the Health Department obtain information as to prices will not preyent a similar procedure in the office of the Supply Commissioner.

"The incumbent, Fred C. Meier, has assured me that he will exercise proper cau-tion in the future. In relation to requisi-tions drawn on the City Register and Board of Public Improvements, I have instituted no change. Such goods will be pur chased as before, and I do not think that The great bulk of city supplies go to the institutions of the Health Department."

M'KINLEY IN A HURRY.

Wants Puerto Rican Bill Passed Wednesday.

Washington, April 6.-The Puerto Rico tariff and civil government bill will be passed by the House on Wednesday afternoon, and will receive the official approval of President McKinley on next Thursday morning. That is the Republican pre gramme as marked out to-day. Speaker Henderson called upon President McKinley at half-past 19 o'clock this morning, and was informed by Mr. McKinley that it was his wish that the bill be reported to the House and be passed on Monday next.

Speaker Henderson told the President that the existing orders for business in the House would prevent action earlier than Wednesday. The President then requested that Wednesday be fixed for the vote. Th Speaker ordered that word be passed

The Democrats will hold a caucus to morrow night at which the plans to defeat the bill, if possible, will be perfected,

TO ENUMERATE CELESTIALS.

Census Bureau Issues a Proclamation in Chinese.

Washington, April 6 .- In order to secure a satisfactory enumeration of the Chinese population of this country the Census Bueau has procured a proclamation printed in Chinese characters and bearing the official seals of Chinese consular officers at San Francisco and New York in which the Chi-nese residents of the United States are di-rected to make proper replies to questions put to them by enumerators.

The proclamation states that it is a ma-

cago.

SEEMS INEVITABLE.

Clash Between Russia and Japan.

FIGHT TO BE OVER KOREA. RURAL GUARDS UNDER ARMS.

Japanese Major General Now in Washington on a Mission That Is Considered Significant.

Washington, April 6.-Russia's various arise between Russia and Japan over the Hermit Nation, although hostilities do not

seem to be imminent at this time. Russia has recently placed a new diplomatic representative at Tokio, who is seeking to foster friendly relations with the Japanese Government, Yet diplomats here are awaiting with interest the result of the announcement that Russia will establish a coaling station at Masampo, even though it is known that this station will not be under Russian jurisdiction, but merely the location of a coal pile, at which Russian

warships will obtain fuel. The danger will come when Russia undertakes to develop her real plan, which is to acquire territory in Korea, Japan will | rural guards are under arms and teady for never, it is believed, consent to this, and Russian insistence will mean war. Major General T. On of the Japanes

army has come to Washington to make inquiries about ordnance and transports for the Japanese Government. He is the superintendent of the Osada Arsenal in Japan.

The visit here of so important a representative of the Japanese Government and terday it published an editorial, in criticism of the civil government, particularly the for such a purpose is taken as corroboration of the current news that the tension between Japan and Russia is so great that a hostile conflict is inevitable.

The friendliness of the United States to Japan in this emergency is regarded here of valuable timber belonging to the municias only another manifestation of the friendliness of this country for Great Britain, because whatever can be done by this Government for Japan will be so much done for Great Britain against her enemy, Res-

The visits of General Ota have been largely to the Quartermaster's Department. It is said here that it would not be surprising to hear within a very few days of large purchases by Japan in this country of merchant vessels and of guns and ammunition. The transports, it is pointed out, will be necessary to Japan, inasmuch as the first scenes of conflict will probably

RUSSO-KOREAN AGREEMENT. Scoul, Korea, April 6.-An agreement has been concluded whereby Russia disayows any design to obtain a port in the island of Quelpart, and Korea promises not to con-

cede the same to any other Power. RUSSIA'S SUCCESS IN CHUNA.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 6 .-- A Tacoma Wash., special says: Oriental advices just received say that Russia has succeeded in causing the Tsung-Li-Yamen to grant her authority to construct a rallway from Kalgan to Pekin The gratified Russian authorities then demanded a franchise for a railroad from Taiyuen Fu to Sian Fu in Spensl. This is the route for which a franchise was asked by an English syndicate and refused. Russia also obtained railway concessions from Lu Huan to Honan Fu. British residents in China are much concerned over the granting of these franchises and demand that England shall take a firmer stand.

SEEKS HER ADOPTED CHILD.

St. Louis Woman Asks Chicago Police to Find Eva Robertson.

Chicago, Ill., April 6.-Mrs. A. Denman of St. Louis fears that Eva Robertson, II years old, whom she adopted two years ago, has been abducted. Captain Colleran of the Chicago police has been asked to investigate, and has put a detective on the case. Mrs. Denman says she believes that the child was taken to Chicago. The girl's father is in the Soldiers' Home at Quincy, Ill. Eva disappeared from St. Louis some time ago. An anonymous communication to Mrs. Denman locates the child in Chi-

Night Chief of Police Pickel said last night that he had not heard of the child's

CUBANS SUMMON NATIVE LEADERS.

Washington Officials Expect a Outbreak Against the Americans Imminent at Santiago de Cuba.

Imprisonment of El Cubano Libre

Editorial Staff Has Precipitated a Crisis and Natives Call General Rabi.

Santiago de Cuba, April 6.-The first imnoves in Korea, Afshanistan, Persia and pertant action of the new Mayor, Senor Turkey are attracting much attention in Grinan, in suppressing, El Cubano Libre Washington. With respect to Korea, the Sesterday and placing the editorial staff authorities feel that war will eventually of five men under arrest, created intense excitement when it became known this morning.

The Americans, fereigners and best class of Cubars appland his action. Two hundred prominent Cubans signed a telegram to General Wood this afternoon indersing Senor Grinan's course. The colored party objects, and the time

has arrived for action. The colored General Rabi and other leaders were telegraphed to come immediately to Santiago to head a "popular movement against the Americans and the Cuban traitors,' There is considerable excitement in the

release of the editors will be followed by

Appeantion's Priends Pleased friends of annexation are please with the situation. They say that the at other shows the impossibility of self-got pendencia indorse the Mayor's action ly radical in its utterances against Amer leans, Spaniards and white Culaus, Yes municipal branch. The editoral characterized the palace as "an official sewer and a cesspool of moral corruption." It charges tracts, and with selling immense quantities pality, particularly 1,000 trees of mahogany that were delivered on contract for \$100 Furthermore, the editorial asserted that Senor Grinan became legally incapacitated

for holding office years ago, on account of corrupt conduct. sive and progressive administration, acting under General Wood's order of March 24. giving Mayors the control of public orde unscated the printing plant and lodged the editorial staff in jail.

He justifies this step on grounds of public EDITORS MUST GO TO COURT.

Havana, April 6.-General Wood has received a dispatch from Senor Grinan, Mayor of Santiago, which is confirmed by patches from other prominent Cubans of that city, explaining the suppression of El Cubano Libre. Senor Griman asserts that in consequence of improper attacks and libels upon officials and private citizens the paper and become a menace to public order. Senor Grinan in the same dispatch asked that the Civil Governor by empowered to expel the editors of the suppressed paper from the Province, and that the matter be but he also promised that

USE OF THE BEIRA ROUTE.

Carrington's Division to Cross Portuguese Territory. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 6.-A special dispatch to the Evening Post from its London corre spondent says: "I learn from an authoritative source that

the purpose and destination of Sir Frederick

Carrington's division, called the Rhodesia

fighting force, which is new en route for Beira, have been decided thus by the imperial authorities: "President Kruger and Doctor Levils have, the British Ministry believe, been inporting through Delagon Bay European combatants at the rate of some 200 per week. When the war is over these men,

to the number of some thousands, with not

a few Boers, are expected to seek an

been laboring. "If, says the Ministry, Rhodesia is not to be turned into an Alsatia, some stronghanded sentinel must be stationed at the frifts of Limpopo, to ery halt to these immigrants. Such a sentinel is provided in Sir F. Carrington, and his division, the Sir F. Carrington, and his division, the Rhodesia field force, when it reaches Lim-popo will, moreover, be within striking dis-tance of Fretoria and may, the Ministry hope, when Lord Roberts moves against Pretoria from the south, place that strong-hold between the upper and nether mili-stones.

BURGHERS CAPTURE HALF A REGIMENT.

Five Companies Taken South of Bloemfontein.

METHUEN A VICTOR.

Wins a Battle From Seventy Boers Near Boshof.

PRISONERS. TAKES

Among the Killed Is Colonel Villebois

1900, by the New York Herald Company)-Another story of a Boer trap and British victims comes from South Africa, but this time it is tobbed of some of its bitterness by news of a counter success, won by Metheun on the western frontier, involving the death of General Villehois Marcuil, chief among the trained foreign advisors

The latest disaster to British arms, by which five companies were captured or killed, is another instance of the remarkable mobility of the Boers and the rapidity and secrecy of their movements, and illustrates the difficulty of the task which General Gatacre has, of keeping open the line

About forty miles south of Bloomfontein and ten miles east of Bethany Station was stationed this little British force for the purpose, no doubt, of protecting the railway which was recently occupied by the Coers. The force probably had a cannon or two, although the fact is not mentioned in Lord Roberts's dispatch

fore noon Tuesday by a strong force of the enemy, with four or five gans. After hold-

How they were caught in this fashion enveloping contingent of Boers, who must have taken some time to establish their runs and detachments in such a way as to overpower all resistance, is one of the mysteries of the affair. The only conclu-

efficiently performed. The evident object of the Boer leaders is not to retake Bloemfontein, but to harass the British, compelling them to keep close to their line of communications and delaying, if possible, Lord Roberts's advance against the Boer position at Kroonstad. They seized Thaba Nebu and Ladybrand, flanking Lord Roberts's line of advance on the east, and from these, as if on a pivot, they have swung round to the railway in his rear seeking for a good chance to cut

The forces engaged in this movement probably number about 19,000 men, although some accounts say there are more The rest of the burgiers still remain to the north, in front of Lord Roberts's post-

This plan of campaign has many advantages from the Boer point of view. It not raid will evidently compel the Eritish commander to leave behind him much larger garrisons in the district than otherwise would have been necessary,

An Andacious Plan. parently intend to begin as soon as Roberts resumes offensive operations. Being skillful tacticians, the Boers are able to earry out this audacious plan with compar-

was seen moving from Thaba N'Chu southward, aiming, without doubt, at the railway line between Springfontein and Bloem-Turning to another part of the war field,

Lord Methuen, with what is described as the Mafeking relief force, has moved from Kimberley to Boshof, forty miles to the northeast. He encountered a body of seventy Boers posted on a kopje nine miles from the town. It is said that these Boers had come from Kroonstad. If so, they were probably on the way to join their comrades on the Vaal River at Christiana and War-

and whose death is undoubtedly a serious

asylum in the vast empty regions to the feat and a British victory, were received to north where the Chartered Company has day from Lord Roberts;

panies of the Ninth Regiment of Mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little east ward of Bethany Railway Station, within few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns.

"The detachment held out from noon April

have no hope of an immediate advance in force Mareuil.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Saturday, April 7 .- (Copyright of the Boer military leaders.

of communication of Lord Roberts.

ine and preserving peace in the district,

The British position was surrounded be-

ng out for nearly twenty-four hours the British surrendered Seems Inexplicable.

sion that can be arrived at here is that

their outposts were not alive to their

duties or that the secuting was most inhis communications or capture small de-

only delays the accumulation of supplies for the British advance, but also unsettles the country already occupied by Lord Roberts. Even if the Boers should retire before a strong British movement northward, the military prestige gamed by the Boers in this

The whole Boer dash southward is a sample of the warfare which the Boers apthe finest of mounted infantry and most ative safety.

It is clear that Lord Roberts is not able to keep pace with the movements of these raiders. His object will be to concentrate his troops as far as possible. In spite of his overwhelming numerical superiority, his task is by no means an easy one, for the Boers will not fight unless they select their own battle ground. The war correspondents assert that a

renton. After about four hours' fighting the little Boer force surrendered. Among the killed was General De Villebols Marcuil, the distinguished French tactician and strategist. who has been of great service to the Boers.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT. London, April 6.-The following dispatched to the War Office announcing a British de

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 5 .-- An other unfortunate occurrence has occurred resulting. I fear, in the capture of a party of infantry consisting of three companies of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and two com-

IS GREATLY CHAGRINED. .

Dublin, April 6.-Lord Roberts's .

ispatch describing the disaster at . Redderstery was printed in the Dubfin evering papers and created genejoleing over the Queen's visit to the

y the correspondent of the Associcted Press, did not attempt to conat his mornification nor to mhitmize the exit effect of such reverses abroad. He sitributed it and others . like it of recent occurrence to a ck of horses and to the inability o f the remounts sent forward to endure the elimate. He appeared to

In the Cabinet Minister's state. near there was no criticism of Lord • · Hoberts, who appears to be trusted · implicitly, but intense irritation and . · chagrin are felt that so many "un- fortunate effeumstances" should re-· tard the murch to Pretoric.

until April 4, 9 s. m., and then, apparents, surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg, with all possible speed, and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 16:30 yesterday morning without opposition, but could get no news of

the missing detachment. "There can be no doubt the whole party has been made prisoners."

The second disputch says: "Methuen telegraphs from Bushof (in the Orange Free State, a little northeast of Kimberley), as follows: "Surrounded General Villehois Marcuil and a body of Boers to-day. None escaped.

Villehols and seven Boers killed, eight wounded. Fifty prisoners," " 'Our losses were; " 'Killed-Captains Boyle and Williams, both of the yeomanry, and two men of the

comanny.

" Woundetl-About seven men. "The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of yeomanry, the Kimberley Mounted Corps and the Fourth Battery of artillery." General De Villebois Marcuil was the chief of staff of the Boer army. He was about 50 years old and is said to have been responsi-

entered the Boer service merely because war was his trade. He went through a number of campaigns in the French army. It is officially announced that the British cosmalties in the Boer ambush near Sannas Post were: Missing, 363; wounded, 85; Rilled, 4. The missing include 134 artiflerists, 25

ble for many Boer successes in Natal and

of the Grange Free State. It is said that he

later in Cape Colony and the so

Life Guards, 22 men of the Tenth Hussars and 51 of Roberts's Horse. The others are divided among numerous regiments. This queer telegram comes from Kimber-"April 5 Since the departure of the main body of troops Lieutenant Colonel Chamler

remains in command of the garrison here."

The departure of any considerable body of troops has heretofore been ummentioned in the censored cables. Lord Mehuen was last reported at Kimberley ten days ago, and the supposition is that he has advanced with his main force from Kimberley and gone to the relief of Mafeking. FREE STATE RAAD ADJOURNS.

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 4.—The Free State Raad adjourned sine die, after passing the President's speech. Twenty-six members were present.

METHUEN WAS IN COMMAND. SPECIAL BY CABLE. Boshof, Orange Free State, Thursday, April 5. Special Cablegram to the London Daily Telegraph.-(Copyright, 1909, by the New York Herald Company).-Lord Methuen's Mafeking relief force concentrated here to-day. Methuen himself commanded in a spirited little action fought to-day nine miles southeast of Boshof. The Imperial Youmanry and the Kimberley mounted corps were the British troops engaged,

A Boer force numbering seventy men,

which had come from Kroonstad, was sure

rounded by our men on a kopje. The Yoes

manry won military approbation by their stendiness under three and a half hours' fire. Not a man of the enemy escaped. Eight were killed, six wounded and fiftyfour taken prisoners, together with sixty horses and baggage. Among the killed was the French General Villebols Marcuil. who commanded the Boers. During the action a Boer holsted the

white flag, and fired immediately after. killing an officer of ours. The murderest was at once shot. Our casualties were slight. The Boers are in force at the Vasi River. a few miles distant. This town is practically deserted by the Dutch inhabitants The Roer loss has been great in various ecent actions, but the enemy are basing

great hopes on the position which they have taken up at Krootstad to resist Lord Ruberts's advance.

WIRES ARE CUT. London, April 7.-The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"Boer patrols from Brandfort have cut

the telegraph wires between here and Bo-

"The British scouts reported yesterday that a force of from 12,000 to 18,000 Boers had been seen beyond Buchman's Kop, moving from Thaba N'Chu to the south. "The enemy, by appeals and menace ombined, are vainly trying to induce the burshers to take the field again. The farm-

ers are more afraid of the Transvaal than

of the British."

WILKINSON'S ANALYSIS. London, April 7 .- Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the Morning Post, says: "The Boer strategy at present may have one or more aims. The idea of cutting off the British detachments is natural and ob-

vious. So is the plan of striking at the railway south of Bloemfontein, "The plan of collecting a large force in the hills near Thaba N'Chu is that of a flank, position. The theory of it is that a strong Boer force here would threaten the British communications when the British

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